

VSP Public Comment

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Should California reject the proposed Diebold system? Vote=Yes

An honest and transparent election system is the bedrock of a democracy. If elections are not secure and verifiable, we will no longer have a democracy. Election hardware may be out sourced, but not the process. Therefore, in any electronic voting system:

- 1) The voter must be able to verify a legible paper receipt that will be secured and available for recount.
- 2) Tabulation software must be open for inspection against tampering and should preferably be non-proprietary and open sourced.
- 3) Voting terminals must not report results over the internet. This is an invitation for mayhem and disaster.
- 4) Voting terminals must be simple enough to be administered by traditional citizen volunteer election workers. If the machines are so complicated only a manufacturer's rep can work them, then a corporation will own the election process and we will have lost our precious democracy.

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Citizen Proposed Standards:

The AVVPAT shall be printed on single sheet non-thermal at least 16 pound paper, one record of vote per sheet.

Every recorded vote, no matter how recorded, shall have a AVVPAT copy.

The AVVPAT record of the vote shall be printed in a minimum of 12 point font.

The AVVPAT shall be printed and organized to be easily read by both the voter and election officials.

The AVVPAT during the 1% manual audit and any recount shall be physically verified and hand counted only.

The recorded vote choices on the AVVPAT shall not be audited or recounted by automatic or electronic methods.

There shall not be a method by which any particular voting record can be connected to any particular voter.

Any AVVPAT spoiled or rejected by a voter because of a voting system error shall not be counted as a spoiled ballot under the two spoiled ballots limit.

No remote access to voting machines by wireless or internet.